

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-52 are pending. Claims 1-52 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 2, 19, 20, 31, 32, 38-39, 43, 45-48, 50 and 52 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicant submits that the amendments do not add new matter.

Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the Doctrine of Equivalents.

The undersigned representative for applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on January 26, 2010. The applicant's amendments presented in the response to the Office Action mailed September 2, 2009 were discussed in light of the cited references. More specifically, claim 47 and I were discussed. No formal agreement was reached as to any claims.

Claims 1, 2, 19, 20, 31, 32, 38-39, 43, 45-48, 50 and 52 have been amended in light of the telephonic interview.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite in the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 022666.

Respectfully submitted,

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